Security Message for U.S. Citizens

United States Embassy Freetown, Sierra Leone

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Possibility of Spontaneous Demonstrations August 26, 2016

The Embassy informs U.S. citizens of the ongoing possibility for spontaneous demonstrations throughout Sierra Leone. Demonstrations in one city have the potential to lead to additional public rallies or demonstrations in other locations around the city and country. Ground transportation is likely to be affected by large demonstrations- be prepared to take alternate routes.

Even demonstrations and large events intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. Avoid areas where demonstrations are taking place and exercise caution when in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

For further information:

- See the <u>State Department's travel website</u> for the <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and <u>Sierra Leone Country Specific</u> Information.
- Enroll in the <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program</u> (<u>STEP</u>) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Freetown, Sierra Leone, located Southridge, Hill Station, Freetown, Sierra Leone, at + (232) (99)105-000, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Friday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is + (232)(99) 905-029.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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